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REMUNERATIVE PRICE TO GROUNDNUT GROWERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Groundnut growers in Gujarat and some other States are not getting remunerative price for their produce;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the remedial action proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a)&(b): The wholesale Prices of groundnut with shell in Gujarat and UP have generally remained above the Minimum Support Price (MSP) of Rs.1520/- per quintal during 2005-06. However, in the States like U.P. and Karnataka prices of groundnut for FAQ stocks were reported to have fallen below MSP and NAFED has started procurement. A quantity of 176 MTs in UP and 25 MTs in Karnataka has been purchased so far at the MSP of Rs.1520/- per quintal in 2005-06. Purchases under the scheme in these states are still continuing.

(c) NAFED has already advised the State procuring agencies in groundnut growing States to remain in alertness and to commence procurement if the prices of groundnut tend to fall below MSP for FAQ stocks.